

2023 Parent Payment Contributions

Parent payment contributions will be available via **COMPASS** Course Confirmations in 2023.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.	Amount
Course Consumables, Materials, Equipment Maintenance, Copying etc.	
Music	\$15
French	\$15
Visual Arts	\$15
Health & Physical Education	\$20
Digital Technology	\$20
Design Technology: Wood	\$25
Student ID Card	\$10
TOTAL	\$120

Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Sports Affiliation – School Sports Victoria membership	\$20
School and parent communication tool – Compass	\$10
TOTAL	\$30
General Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
General Contribution - student engagement: Breakfast Club & Lunchtime activities, school assistance fund, equipment upgrades, grounds & facilities improvements	\$100

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Beechworth Secondary College offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School magazine/ yearbook	\$15
Instrumental Music (\$140 per Semester) Enrolment available via Compass Course Confirmation	\$280

Financial Support for Families

Beechworth Secondary College understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) for eligible healthcare card holders
- School Assistance Fund *(see *voluntary contributions*)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact: the Business Manager Ph: 03 57 281264

Email: beechworth.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Student Booklist - Essential Items for students to own and purchase themselves.

A student booklist will be provided for purchase from our supplier Campion, also a stationery items list at Beechworth Newsagency, these list the textbooks and the everyday items that your child will need for use in the classroom. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase and arrange payment with the providers as indicated.

Please note: to receive booklist (Campion) items these are due to be ordered and paid for by 16th December 2022

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

PAYMENT METHODS

- COMPASS – Course Confirmations to be emailed to all families**

- BPAY** – All families have an individual BPAY code and allows an easy online payment method.
NB: Fortnightly deductions can be set up to offset against payments due.
(Note: Students BPay Code is available from the school office)

- Credit Card – By contacting the office**

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) – Contact Office for Bank Details**

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.